

## Story starter! (1 of 2)

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I was puzzled. Things just kept disappearing from our garden. At first it was just small things, like my toy car , then larger things began to go missing. Dad's lawnmower vanished. Mum's favourite plant pot with her favourite plants in. Gone! Just gone!

My parents kept saying that there were thieves on our street. I believed them. Of course I believed them! Why wouldn't I believe them, they're my parents?! Sneakily, I got into the habit of looking out of my bedroom window with my camera, in the hope that I would catch a snapshot of the crooks in action ...

## Story starter! (2 of 2)



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... One afternoon, after I had got in from school and done my homework, I stood at my bedroom window. I was ready. I had my camera in hand. I then watched in amazement and shock as the giant oak tree, that had stood in our garden since before I was born, was dramatically wrenched from the ground by an unseen force. Its great branches and straggling roots and shaking, green leaves began to be pulled towards a hole, the size of a pound coin, in our garden fence. I watched as the tree began to be squeezed, again by this unseen force, through the hole in the fence.

A minute later I was standing with my camera at the ready, peering through the hole in the fence, desperate to find out what had happened to all the things from our garden. Then...I felt it...My eye began to feel as if it was being squeezed. My head felt as if it was being pulled towards the fence. My whole body seemed to be moving. Suddenly...Pop!

Can you continue the story? What was on the other side?

## Question time!

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- ▶ If you could take a photograph of the 5 happiest moments of your life so far, what would they show?
- ▶ What 5 events of your future would you like to take a photograph of?





## Sentence challenge!

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Can you make a list of feelings that the boy is experiencing?

E.g. excited curious

Can you then begin a sentence with a feeling?

Curious, the boy peeked through the hole in the fence.



## Sick sentences!

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These sentences are 'sick' and need help to get better. Can you help? Could you add an adverb?

- ▶ The boy went towards the fence.
- ▶ He looked through the hole.
- ▶ He was excited.



Perfect picture!

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Can you draw what the boy can see through the hole in the fence?



## **The rhythm of life**

Hand on the bridge

feel the rhythm of the train.

Hand on the window

feel the rhythm of the rain.

Hand on your throat

feel the rhythm of your talk.

Hand on your leg

feel the rhythm of your walk.

Hand in the sea

feel the rhythm of the tide.

Hand on your heart

feel the rhythm inside.

Hand on the rhythm

feel the rhythm of the rhyme.

Hand on your life

feel the rhythm of time.

hand on your life

feel the rhythm of time

hand on your life

feel the rhythm of time.

*From Michael Rosen's Big Book of Bad Things.*